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ANNUAL REPORT

**of the
TOWN OF
DORCHESTER
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TOWN WARRANT
The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday the 13th day of March, 1984, polls to be open for voting on article I at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and to close not earlier than 6:00 o'clock in the afternoon, with action on the remaining articles to be taken commencing at 7:30 in the evening.

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

3. By petition: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a requirement that all salaries or changes in salaries including any salaries for any additional town officers be approved by majority vote at the annual town meeting commencing April, 1984.

4. By petition: To see if the Town of Dorchester shall call upon the Governor and the executive council, its State Representatives and State Senator to promptly convene a Special Session of the Legislature for the sole purpose of preventing the imposition of huge cost increases in electric rates resulting from the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant on the citizens, businesses, schools and agencies in the Town of Dorchester, and direct Selectmen to properly notify our above listed elected officials of the Town's desire.

5. By petition: To see if the town will vote to have our police officer elected by the people, instead of appointed by the Selectmen.

6. To see if the town will vote to expend six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) of the Revenue Sharing Fund to be used for the sealing of suitable portions of paved road.

7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to expend up to sixteen hundred sixty four dollars (\$1,664.00) of the Revenue Sharing Fund for the purchase of a refuse transfer station site.

8. To see if the town will vote to expend twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) from the Capital Reserve Building Fund to repair and shingle the northwesterly roof of the Town House and to insulate the Library-Selectmen's Office building.

9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer, lease, rent, sell and convey, or otherwise dispose of any real estate or mineral rights acquired by the town by any Tax Collector's deed. And in the event of a sale, any such sale shall be conducted by advertised sealed bids, negotiated private sale, public auction, or in any other manner which the Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interests of the town.

10. To see if the town will vote to discontinue, subject to gates and bars (Class VI), approximately five (5) miles of the Cummings Pond Road beginning four tenths (4/10ths) of a mile from the Dorchester-Lyme town line and terminating four tenths (4/10ths) of a mile from the North Dorchester Road.

11. To see if the town will vote to discontinue, subject to gates and bars (Class VI), a six tenths (6/10ths) mile portion of the Province Road beginning at a point three quarters (3/4) of a mile east of Route 118 and continuing to the Dorchester-Groton town line.

12. To see if the town will vote to accept for winter maintenance only, that portion of old Route 118 beginning at Cross Road and running northerly four tenths (4/10ths) of a mile to a cul-de-sac, as it presently exists.

13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen, at their discretion, to contract for winter highway maintenance services.

14. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year in the amount of \$2,372.09, exclusive of school and county taxes, and to make appropriations for the same.

15. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to make application for, to accept on behalf of the town, and to expend for the purpose intended, any or all grants or other funds which may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the United States Government, from the State of New Hampshire, or from private foundations, trust or individuals.

16. To hear the reports of agents, auditors or committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

17. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 17th day of February, 1984.

Albert J. Franz
Brian H. Howe
Kenneth W. Thomas
Selectmen of Dorchester

A true copy Attest:

Albert J. Franz
Brian H. Howe
Kenneth W. Thomas

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen

A. John Franz '84

Kenneth W. Thomas '85

Brian A. Howe '86

Moderator

Alexander Lennox, Jr.

Tax Collector

Delbert B. Gray

Town Clerk

Brenda Howe

Treasurer

Jean M. Krzyzak

Trustees of Trust Funds

Frances E. Merrill '86

Patricia E. Franz '85

Cynthia Thomas '84

Relief Agent

Mary Morrissey

Police Officer and Dog Constable

Ralph Gove

Police Deputy

Kenneth Hall

Supervisors of Checklist

Martha Walker '88

Marion Delsart '86

Margaret M. Lennox '84

Auditors

Lucille Andrews '84

Cathy L. Cote '84

Library Trustees

Robert W. Thayer '86

Mary Carroll Abell '85

Carol H. Wilson '84

Cemetery Committee

Nella H. Ashley,

Chairman & Treasurer

Martha Walker

Eric P. Bergstrom

Planning Board

Alexander Lennox, Jr. '85 Chairman

Marilyn Pratt '87

Brian Howe '86

O. Bourdelais '86

Jon Conkey '84

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Land under Current Use	\$ 906,705.00
Land, all other improved & unimproved	1,684,884.00
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Total land value	\$2,591,589.00
Buildings	3,729,102.00
Electric transmission lines	242,107.00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers (27)	181,316.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions Allowed	6,744,114.00
Elderly exemptions allowed (6)	30,000.00
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Net valuation on which the tax rate is computed	\$6,714,114.00

Tax Rate: \$20.15

CURRENT USE REPORT

Number of property owners in Current Use in 1983	49
Number of acres exempted under Current Use	23,259.30
Total assessed value of land under Current Use	<u>\$906,705.00</u>
Amount of taxes raised by land in Current Use in 1983 (of \$133,000.00 to be raised)	\$ 18,270.11

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY As of December 31, 1983

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 35,838.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,300.00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	11,976.00
Equipment	3,000.00
Equipment (Highway Department)	25,000.00
Historical Museum	6,635.00
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Total	\$ 84,349.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER, NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1984

Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 31:4)	Appropriations 1983 (1983-84)	Actual Expenditures 1983 (1983-84)	Appropriations Ensuing Year Year 1984 (1984-85)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Officers' Salary	\$ 6,200.00	\$ 5,829.62	\$ 6,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	4,000.00	4,429.71	4,600.00
Election and Registration Expenses	500.00	286.36	700.00
Cemeteries	350.00	350.00	350.00
General Government Buildings	350.00	663.23	400.00
Planning and Zoning	50.00		
Legal Expenses	1,075.00	816.64	600.00
Regional Planning			188.00
Town Reports	800.00	790.00	800.00
NHMA Dues	300.00	300.00	300.00
Newsletter	125.00	20.00	
Public Safety:			
Police Department	1,000.00	1,215.13	1,000.00
Fire Dept. incl.			
Forest Fire & Training	3,200.00	2,598.06	2,800.00
Highways, Streets & Bridges			
Town Maintenance	20,000.00	27,151.16	20,000.00
General Highway Dept. Expenses (Block Grant)*	18,475.76	18,316.24	23,661.39
Withdrawal from Revenue Sharing for Town Maintenance			6,000.00
<i>* Highway Funds have been Consolidated into one grant</i>			
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	1,500.00	1,620.00	4,500.00
Solid Waste Planning			125.00
Revenue Sharing Withdrawal— Refuse Deposit Site (Federal)			1,664.00
Health:			
Fast Squad	318.00	318.00	320.00
Mascoma Health Council	574.00	574.00	574.00
Welfare:			
General Assistance	600.00	609.00	100.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00

Debt Service			
Int. Exp.-Tax Anticipation Notes	3,500.00	2,242.48	1,500.00
Operating Transfers Out			
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds			
Snow Removal	850.00	850.00	850.00
Payments to Capital Reserve			
Building Fund	200.00	200.00	200.00
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for			
Maintenance of Town Hall & Library			1,200.00
Payments to Collection,			
Yield Tax Deposits		1,347.30	
Miscellaneous			
Insurance	3,500.00	3,616.28	3,600.00
Unemployment Compensation	30.00	22.10	25.00
Discounts, Abatements, Refunds		465.00	
Current Use Filing Fees to County		9.00	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 67,522.76</u>	<u>\$ 74,789.31</u>	<u>\$ 82,206.79</u>
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues,			
Exclusive of Taxes			79,834.70
Amount of Taxes to be Raised			
(Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			\$ 2,372.09

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue 1983 (1983-84)	Actual Revenue 1983 (1983-84)	Estimated Revenue 1984 (1984-85)
Taxes			
Resident Taxes	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 1,300.00
Yield Taxes including Yield Tax Deposits	4,500.00	13,997.71	11,000.00
Interest and Penalties on Taxes & Costs	1,800.00	2,341.75	2,500.00
Inventory Penalties	50.00	200.24	
Intergovernmental Revenues:			
Meals and Rooms Tax } Consolidated into Interest & Div. Tax } One State Revenue			
Savings Bank Tax } Sharing Fund 1983	\$4,550.00	22,737.15	20,000.00
Highway Subsidy	5,385.69	2,643.80	See Block Grant
Unexpended Balance			
Town Share, Highway Funds		1.15	
Town Road Aid	3,416.43	512.46	
Class V Highway Maint. (Duncan)	9,111.55		See Block Grant
Highway Block Grant		13,230.70	23,661.39
Reimb. a/c State -			
Federal Forest Land	392.00	480.02	417.31*
Motor Veh. Fees from State	350.00	631.85	625.00
Forest Fire Meeting	30.00	25.86	25.00
Gas Tax Refund	250.00	537.59	300.00
Balance 1982 Business Profits Tax		617.98	
Additional Highway Subsidy	3,472.46	2,088.60	See Block Grant
Dividend Unemployment Comp.		161.55	
Licenses and Permits			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees from Town Clerk	6,000.00	8,845.00	9,000.00
Dog Licenses	200.00	316.50	300.00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	30.00	42.00	42.00
Current Use Filing Fees		9.00	
Miscellaneous Revenues			
Interest on Deposits		2,064.47	1,800.00
Tractor Part - Refund from Hill-Martin		688.64	
Dorchester Grange - Oil Payment		22.00	
Insurance Adjustment		63.00	
Other Financial Sources			
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve Building Fund	1,000.00	440.95	1,200.00
Revenue Sharing Fund, Withdrawal from (Federal)	1,000.00		7,664.00
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$ 42,738.13	\$ 74,025.40	\$ 79,834.70

FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 1983

ASSETS

Cash:

All funds in custody of treasurer	\$ 31,354.59	
Revenue Sharing Fund	7,664.38	
Total		\$ 39,018.97

Capital Reserve Funds:

Town Building Fund	1,082.27	
Snow Removal and other road equipment	12,044.62	
Total		13,126.89

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1981	2,939.52	
Levy of 1980	542.45	
Total		3,481.97

Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1982	35,079.23	
- Prior	2,801.39	
Total		37,880.62

TOTAL ASSETS

93,503.45

GRAND TOTAL

\$ 93,503.45

FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 1983

ASSETS

Cash:

All funds in custody of treasurer	\$ 39,673.65
Revenue Sharing Fund	7,664.38

Total		\$ 47,338.03
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Capital Reserve Funds:

Town Building Fund	1,082.27
Snow Removal and other road equipment	12,044.62

Total		13,126.89
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Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1981	2,939.52
Levy of 1980	542.45

Total		3,481.97
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Uncollected Taxes:

Levy of 1982	35,079.23
Prior	2,801.39

Total		37,880.62
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TOTAL ASSETS		101,827.51
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GRAND TOTAL		\$101,827.51
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:

Bills outstanding	\$ 1,427.86
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	7,664.38
Due to State:	
Dog License Fees Collected -	
Not Remitted	9.50
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acc't.)	1,350.30
School District Tax Payable	57,427.40

Total Accounts Owed by the Town	\$ 67,879.44
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Capital Reserve Funds:

Town Building Fund	1,082.27
Snow Removal and other	
Road Equipment	12,044.62

Total Capital Reserve Funds	13,126.89
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TOTAL LIABILITIES

81,006.33

Fund Balance - Current Surplus
(Excess of assets over liabilities)

20,821.18

GRAND TOTAL

\$101,827.51

RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes:

Property Taxes-Current Year-1983	\$107,775.96
Resident Taxes-Current Year-1983	1,180.00
Yield Taxes-Current Year-1983	9,365.29
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes-	
Previous Years	24,563.70
Resident Taxes-Previous Years	140.00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	
and Costs	2,317.75
Penalties: Resident Taxes	24.00
Tax sales redeemed	6,431.05
Inventory Penalties	200.24

Total Taxes Collected and Remitted	\$151,997.99
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
Bills outstanding	\$ 1,427.86	
Unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds	7,664.38	
Due to State:		
Dog License Fees Collected -		
Not Remitted	9.50	
Yield Tax Deposits (Escrow Acct.)	1,350.30	
School District Tax Payable	57,427.40	
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Total Accounts Owed by the Town		\$ 67,879.44
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Town Building Fund	1,082.27	
Snow Removal and other		
Road Equipment	12,044.62	
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Total Capital Reserve Funds		13,126.89
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		81,006.33
Ending Balance - Current Surplus		
(Excess of assets over liabilities)		<hr/>
		12,502.12
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GRAND TOTAL		\$ 93,508.45

RECEIPTS

From Local Taxes:		
Property Taxes-Current Year-1983	\$107,775.96	
Resident Taxes-Current Year-1983	1,180.00	
Yield Taxes-Current Year-1983	9,365.29	
Property Taxes and Yield Taxes-		
Previous Years	24,563.70	
Resident Taxes-Previous Years	140.00	
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes		
and Costs	2,317.75	
Penalties: Resident Taxes	24.00	
Tax sales redeemed	6,431.05	
Inventory Penalties	200.24	
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Total Taxes Collected and Remitted		\$151,997.99

Intergovernmental Revenues:

State Revenue Sharing	22,737.15
Town Share 1983 Highway	
Fund Balance	1.15
Highway Subsidy and Additional	
Highway Subsidy	4,732.40
Highway Block Grant	13,230.70
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	480.02
Motor Vehicle Fees	631.85
Forest Fire Mtg. Reimb.	25.86
Gas Tax Refund	537.59
Bal. 1982 Bus. Profits Tax	617.98
Taxes bought by the Town	11,471.86
Transfer Revenue Sharing a/c	5,000.00

Total Intergovernmental Revenues \$ 59,466.56

Licenses and Permits:

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	
from Town Clerk	8,845.00
Dog Licenses	316.50
Bus. Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	42.00
Current Use Filing Fees	9.00

Total Licenses and Permits 9,212.50

Miscellaneous Revenues:

Interest on Deposits	1,869.08
Dividend-Unemployment Comp.	5.43
Dorchester Grange Oil Payment	22.00
Refund from Hill-Martin Corp.	688.64
Returned check	42.98
Insurance Adjustments	63.00
Reimb. Fire Service	161.55

Total Miscellaneous Revenues 2,852.68

Other Financing Sources:

Withdrawal from Capital Reserve	440.95
Interest on Investments of	
Revenue Sharing Funds	195.39

Total Other Financing Sources 636.34

Non-Revenue Receipts:

Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	80,000.00
Yield Tax Security Deposits	2,697.60

Total Non-Revenue Receipts	82,697.60
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Total Receipts from All Sources	306,863.67
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Cash on Hand January 1, 1983	39,673.65
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GRAND TOTAL	\$346,537.32
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PAYMENTS**General Government:**

Town officers' salaries	5,829.62
Town officers' expenses	4,429.71
Election and Registration expenses	286.36
General Government Buildings	663.23
Legal Expenses	816.64
NHMA Dues	300.00
Newsletter	20.00

Total General Governmental Expenses	12,345.56
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Public Safety:

Police Department	1,215.13
Fire Department	2,598.06

Total Public Safety Expenses	3,813.19
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Highways, Streets, Bridges:

Town Maintenance	27,151.16
Gen. Highway Dept. Exp.	18,316.24

Total Highways and Bridges Expenses	45,467.40
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Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	1,620.00
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Total Sanitation Expenses	1,620.00
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Health:		
Mascoma Health Council	574.00	
Canaan F.A.S.T. Squad	318.00	
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Total Health Expenses		892.00
Welfare:		
Town Poor	609.00	
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Total Welfare Expenses		609.00
Culture and Recreation:		
Library	150.00	
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Total Culture and Rec. Expenses		150.00
Debt Service:		
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes	2,242.48	
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Total Debt Service Payments		2,242.48
Operating Transfers Out:		
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds	1,050.00	
Transfer, Revenue Sharing a/c	5,000.00	
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Total Operating Transfers Out		6,050.00
Miscellaneous:		
Cemeteries	350.00	
Insurance	3,616.28	
N.H. MUC	22.10	
Town Reports	790.00	
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Total Miscellaneous Expenses		4,778.38
Unclassified:		
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	80,000.00	
Taxes bought by town	11,471.86	
Discounts, Abatements and Refunds	465.00	
Refund and Payment from		
Yield Tax Escrow Fund	1,347.30	
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Total Unclassified Expenses		93,284.16

Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:

Payment to State a/c Dog License Fees	28.00
Taxes paid to County	14,083.00
Payments to County-C.U.	
Filing Fees	9.00
Payments to School Districts*	129,810.56

Total Payments to Other Governmental Divisions	143,921.56
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Total Payments for all Purposes	315,182.73
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Cash on hand December 31, 1983	31,354.59
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GRAND TOTAL	\$346,537.32
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* See Attached Schedule

SCHEDULE OF 1983 SCHOOL PAYMENTS

1982-83 Tax	\$ 67,444.96
1983-84 Tax	57,427.32
1982-83 School District Deficit Approp.	406.28
1980-81 Unpaid Balance	4,532.00

Total School Payments 1983	\$129,810.56
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REPORT OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

The Feasibility Study Committee as appointed by the Moderator in compliance with Article 25 (as amended) of the 1983 Town Warrant, has studied the feasibility of a.) purchasing a backhoe-loader, b.) providing a Town equipment shed, c.) hiring private contractors to provide the winter maintenance and portions of the summer maintenance of Town roads. The Committee hereby makes its report and recommendations to the Town.

It is the finding of the Committee that any decision regarding the hiring of private contractors to do winter road maintenance directly affects the feasibility of parts a.) and b.) of Article 25. Therefore we will consider part c.) first.

The Committee has contacted several local towns currently utilizing contract services and found that all of them have been satisfied with the cost effectiveness of their programs. The Town of Orange offers the closest comparison to Dorchester, maintaining 13 miles of road for winter travel and also not having a major contractor in their community. They have contracted from a party in Enfield and have been very satisfied with service and callout response time. The Orange Selectmen represented by Mr. Guy Bagley indicated they felt that this method had saved them several thousand dollars in the past year.

The Dorchester highway expenditures and records for 1981 and 1982 were thoroughly examined. Under the record keeping practices of those years it is not possible to determine the number of hours each piece of equipment was operated. Without these figures there is no accurate way of comparing our costs with the contract rates provided by the other towns.

It is the recommendation of the Committee that the Town initiate an accurate accounting procedure to include the number of hours a piece of equipment is operated, the job it is used for and the actual costs attributable to each machine. We further recommend that an article be placed in the 1984 Town Warrant authorizing the Selectmen at their discretion, after studying the highway maintenance cost for the winter of 1983-84, to contract for winter maintenance of Town roads.

The Committee finds that the feasibility of purchasing a backhoe-loader is dependent upon the Town continuing to do its own summer

and winter maintenance. Based on the records of backhoe rentals in 1981 and 1982 the Town would be justified in buying a loader with a backhoe attachment when the current loader needs to be replaced. The Committee's inquiries as to availability and price indicate that the Town could presently purchase a servicable machine through private sale for \$12,000 to \$15,000. At the current rate of inflation of machine prices, a properly maintained machine should not depreciate a great deal over ten or more years of service. Price quotations from several dealerships for new and relatively new, used machines were considered to be too high to be feasible at this time.

The Committee finds that the construction of a Town owned equipment shed or garage is not justified if the Town hires a private contractor to do its winter maintenance. If the Town chooses to continue doing its own winter maintenance the Committee recommends a garage of no less than 800 square feet (20 x 40) to provide housing and room for maintenance of a backhoe-loader and dump truck with plow and wing attached. Again as indicated by several building study committees over the years the Town owns no suitable site for a Town owned garage. Although the construction of the building may be feasible it is not possible to determine if the whole project would be until the Town locates a suitable site and negotiates a price.

Submitted
Aug. 9, 1983

George L. Ayers
Octave J. Bourdelais
Brian A. Howe
Todd W. Lambert
Robert W. Thayer

1983 TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

A.E. Ashley, mileage and expenses	\$ 35.00	
A. Lennox, Moderator's workshop	10.00	
K.W. Thomas, Selectman's expenses	50.40	
B. Howe, Selectman's expenses	162.90	
A.J. Franz, Selectman's expenses	297.00	
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk's expenses, fees	279.04	
D.B. Gray, Tax Collector's expenses, costs	354.30	
Postage, supplies, copies, mileage reimbursed to Selectmen's Secretary	445.32	
Brown and Saltmarsh, Town Vouchers	166.69	
Wheeler and Clark Dog tags	26.63	
N.E. Telephone	141.17	
Salary, Selectmen's Secretary	1800.00	
Clay's, Supplies	26.66	
Mountain Media, Stationery	55.00	
Homestead Press, Tax Collector's forms	78.26	
Postmaster, Rumney, 500 stamped envelopes for tax bills	107.35	
NHN A, Selectmen's Handbook and Directory	18.50	
Real Data Corp., Grantor Index	15.00	
N.H. Tax Collector's Assoc., 1983 Dues	15.00	
DATOWN Computer Service, Tax book and bills	300.49	
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk's meeting	10.00	
E.F. Greene Assoc., 250 Assessment cards	35.00	
Total Expenses		<u>\$4,429.71</u>

1983 TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

A.E. Ashley, Selectman (two months)	\$ 200.00	
A.J. Franz, Selectman	1050.00	
K.W. Thomas, Selectman	1050.00	
Brian Howe, Selectman	859.62	
Jean Krazyzak, Treasurer	600.00	
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk	500.00	
Lucille Andrews, Auditor	35.00	
Cathy L. Cote, Auditor	35.00	
Delbert B. Gray, Tax Collector	1500.00	
Total Salaries		<u>\$5829.62</u>

1983 ELECTION AND REGISTRATION EXPENSES

Clifford-Nicol, Ballots	\$65.86	
Marion Delsart, Supervisor of Checklist	38.25	
Martha Walker, Supervisor of Checklist	47.25	
Margaret Lennox, Supervisor of Checklist	47.25	
Arlene Carter, Ballot Clerk	24.75	
Frances Merrill Ballot Clerk	24.75	
Alexander Lennox, Moderator	38.25	
Total		<hr/> \$286.36

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE
For the Year Ending December 31, 1983**

Ralph L. Gove - Police Chief
Kenneth Hall - Deputy

Expenses for 1983 were kept to a minimum; no new equipment was purchased.

As in the past, Ken and I go out only when called on to do so, and road patrols other than Town Building checks are kept to a minimum also.

Dog complaints were about the same as in the past and I would like to emphasize the importance of calling me or Ken or the Town Clerk in the event a dog is either lost or found. This saves a trip and expense to the town for taking the animal to a kennel in Lebanon.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated and we look forward to serving the townspeople in any way we can.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ralph L. Gove, Chief
Dorchester Police Dept.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Number of cars 287	8845.00	
Filing fees 9	9.00	
Dogs 68	316.50	
Total remitted to Treasurer		9,170.50

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Howe
Town Clerk

AUDITORS' REPORT

Jan. 25, 1984

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Cemeteries, Library and Trustees of the Trust Fund and find them correctly and properly vouched.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille E. Andrews
Cathy L. Cote
Auditors

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1983

DR.

Levies of:

Uncollected Taxes -	1983	1982	Prior
Beginning of Fiscal Year			
Property Taxes		* \$ 33,895.73	\$
Resident Taxes		310.00	400.00
Yield Taxes		733.50	2,291.39
Inventory Penalties		140.00	110.00

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	133,282.93
Resident Taxes	1,580.00
Yield Taxes	11,278.95
Inventory Penalties	404.63

Added Taxes:

Resident Taxes	40.00
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Costs & Interest Collected on

Delinquent Property Taxes:	1,710.11	256.25
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Penalties Collected on

Resident Taxes:	10.00	18.00
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TOTAL DEBITS

\$146,596.51	\$ 36,807.34	\$ 3,057.64
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* Adjusted by \$679.09 NSF Check

—CR.—

Remittances to Treasurer

During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	\$107,695.96	\$ 33,905.73	
Resident Taxes	1,180.00	180.00	
Yield Taxes	9,365.29	575.12	1,659.70
Sewer Rents		130.00	
Costs and Interest Collected			
During Year		1,710.11	256.25
Penalties on Resident Taxes	10.00	18.00	
Inventory Penalties	200.24		10.00

Abatements Made During Year:

Property Taxes	164.94
Yield Taxes	411.15

Uncollected Taxes —**End of Fiscal Year:**

Property Taxes	25,422.03		
Resident Taxes	440.00	130.00	400.00
Inventory Penalties	204.39		100.00
Yield Taxes	1,502.51	158.38	631.69

TOTAL CREDITS	\$146,596.51	\$36,807.34	\$ 3,057.64
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SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1983****—DR.—****---Tax Sales on Account of Levies of---**

	1982	1981	1980
Balance of Unredemmed Taxes-			
Beginning Fiscal Year*	\$	\$ 2,939.52	\$ 542.45
Taxes Sold to Town During			
Current Fiscal Year**	10,753.82		
Interest Collected After Sale	325.43	229.01	203.86
Redemption Costs	44.25	12.00	6.30
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 11,123.50	\$ 3,180.53	\$ 752.61

—CR.—**Remittances to Treasurer****During Year:**

Redemptions	\$ 4,533.92	\$ 1,209.26	\$ 542.45
Interest & Costs After Sale	369.68	241.01	210.16
Abatements During Year	271.00		
Unredeemed Taxes -			
End of Fiscal Year	5,948.90	1,730.26	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 11,123.50	\$ 3,180.53	\$ 752.61

*These sums represent the total of Unredeemed Taxes, as of January 1, 1983 from Tax Sales held in **Previous** Fiscal Years.

**Amount of Tax Sale(s) held during current fiscal year, including total amount of taxes, interest and costs to date of sale(s).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Cash on Hand, January 1, 1983	\$ 39,673.65
From Tax Collector	163,469.85
From Town Clerk	9,170.50
From Selectmen	134,223.32

Total Receipts		\$ 346,537.32
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Payments

By Order of Selectmen		315,182.73
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Cash on Hand, December 31, 1983		\$ 31,354.59
Pemi National Bank-NOW/ A/C	\$ 29,772.86	
PGSB - Money Market A/C	<u>1,581.73</u>	
		\$ 31,354.59

Revenue Sharing Fund

Balance on Hand, January 1, 1983	\$ 2,519.99	
Received, 1983	4,949.00	
Interest, 1983	<u>195.39</u>	

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1983		\$ 7,664.38
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Respectfully submitted,
Jean M. Krzyzak
Treasurer

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS **ANNUAL REPORT 1983**

Lucy Hazen Kimball Fund	
Balance on hand December 1, 1982	\$ 163.83
Interest 1983	9.36
Expenditures 1983	0.00
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Balance on hand December 1, 1983	173.22
Scott Burleigh Fund	
Balance on hand December 1, 1982	501.40
Interest 1983	28.73
Expenditures 1983	0.00
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Balance on hand December 1, 1983	530.13
Paul Hopkins Hutchinson Fund	
Balance on hand December 1, 1982	833.84
Interest 1982	47.79
Expenditures 1983	0.00
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Balance on hand December 1, 1983	881.63
John C. Davenport Fund	
Balance on hand December 1, 1983	119.85
Interest 1983	6.84
Expenditures 1983	0.00
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Balance on hand December 1, 1983	126.69
Town Building Fund	
Balance on hand December 1, 1982	1251.55
Interest 1983	71.67
New Funds Created	200.00
Expenditures 1983	440.95
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Balance on hand December 1, 1983	1,082.27
Capital Reserve Fund (Snow Removal Equipment	
91-Day Certificate of Deposit)	
Balance on hand December 1, 1982	10,042.31
Interest 1983	199.39
Withdrawn February 8, 1983	10,241.70
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Balance on hand December 1, 1983	0.00

Capital Reserve Fund (Snow Removal Equipment)	
Balance on hand December 1, 1982	186.53
Interest 1983	10.92
New Funds Created	850.00
Expenditures 1983	0.00
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Balance on hand December 1, 1983	1,047.45
Capital Reserve Fund (Snow Removal Equipment Money Market Fund)	
Balance on hand December 1, 1982	0.00
Deposited February 8, 1983	10,241.70
Interest 1983	758.34
Expenditures 1983 (printing of checks)	2.87
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Balance on hand December 1, 1983	\$ 10,997.17
Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	1,047.45
Total Balance on hand Dec. 1, 1982 Snow Removal	+ 10,997.17
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	\$ 12,044.62

On February 8, 1983 the balance on hand in the 91-day Certificate of Deposit (Capital Reserve Fund) in the amount of \$10,241.70 was withdrawn and redeposited in a Money Market Account in order to accrue more interest. A total of \$440.95 was withdrawn from the Town Building Fund to pay for work done on the Town Common, \$290.95 having been paid to Ralph L. Gove and \$150.00 to Octave Bourdelais.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia E. Franz
Cynthia A. Thomas
Frances E. Merrill

REPORT OF ROAD EXPENDITURES

Total Appropriation	
Town Maintenance	\$ 20,000.00
T.R.A. (raised by town)	512.46
Highway Subsidy Funds from State	4,732.60
High Block Grant from State	13,230.70
Total Appropriations and Revenues	\$ <u>38,475.76</u>
Expenditures - Payroll, Contracted Work, Mileage, IRS payments	
George Conkey Sr., Road Agent	\$ 5034.10
H. Doug Tenney	1543.50
Elizabeth Gibbons	410.20
John Aubrey	174.25
Scott Blanchard	12.75
David Carter	119.70
George Conkey Jr.	1419.47
Craig Conkey	617.98
Jon Conkey	12.75
Brett MacDonald	1288.90
Kevin Pratt	42.50
Gary Walker	8.50
G. Conkey Sr. Mileage,	209.78
G. Conkey, Sr. Expenses	25.50
G. Conkey, Sr. Rental - Saw, Pickup, Tractor	985.40
Frank Austin Tractor rental	217.50
Octave Bourdelais - Backhoe, Dozer, Plow, Loader	\$ 10215.00
Earl Charbono - Plow	105.60
Raymond Conkey - Pickup, Plow	55.50
Town of Lyme - Plowing Cummings Pond Rd	90.00
Robert Duncan - Chipper	42.98
Irving A. MacDonald - Backhoe	75.00
Ernest Mitchell - Backhoe	52.50
Marshall Smith - Loader, Truck	2710.00
J & V. Spead - Truck	443.90
Larry H. Walker - Plow	395.50
H. Doug Tenney - Saw and Mileage	95.00
Phyllis Ashley - Tractor	67.50
Ernest Marsh - Truck	93.40
IRS - Payments of withheld tax	586.50
Total Payroll, rental mileage	\$ <u>27,151.16</u>

Payments - General Road Expenses		
Phyllis Ashley - Sand, gravel	\$ 2353.95	
Blue Seal Feeds and Needs - Plastic	98.80	
Buck's Welding and Repair - Equipment repairs	463.03	
Campton Sand and Gravel - Cold Patch	1108.74	
Canaan Hardware - Supplies	115.36	
Cliff Dyer Welding - Repairs	185.66	
Charles Gould	22.90	
International Salt Co.	557.55	
Kelly's Auto Body, Inc. - Repairs	29.50	
Kelly's Salvage - Radiator	35.00	
Kibby Equipment	427.08	
Brett MacDonald - Chains	27.50	
Miller's General Store - Gas, oil	43.03	
Muzzey's Store Gas, oil	2268.00	
N.H. Bituminous, Inc. - 3802 gals. M.C. #800	3516.85	
N.H. Elec Coop. - Salt Pile Service	147.46	
Paige Welding-Plow Repairs	386.80	
Sanel Auto Parts - Truck and Loader parts	59.83	
E.W. Sleeper - Contrd for truck	135.00	
Shortt's Garage - Gas, oil, supplies	785.20	
Hill-Martin Corp. - Parts, loader	768.95	
Stinbrook Tire Service - Oil, parts	62.39	
TBC Machinery - Loader repairs	769.94	
Treasurer, State of N.H. - Bridge beams	747.91	
TST Equipment, Inc. - Truck repairs	530.64	
Webster Motors, - Repairs, parts	1507.40	
W. Rumney Service Center - Repairs, parts	325.51	
Wayne Whitcomb - 1982 Electrical Service	361.26	
F.C. Hammond & Son - Bridge plank	475.00	
Total Payments, General Road Expenses		\$ 18,316.24
Less refund from Hill-Martin Corp.		-688.64
Total, General Road Expenses		\$ 17,627.60
Total Road Expenditures, 1983		\$ 44,778.76

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Once again, our cooperative town and state forest fire prevention and control program leads the nation in least acres burned per forest fire. Less than one-half acre per fire statewide average.

At the town level, your Forest Fire Warden is responsible for the prevention and control of all grass and woods fires when the ground is not snow covered.

Forest fire prevention is achieved at the town level by issuing a written permit for every fire that is to be kindled on the ground out of doors when the ground is not covered with snow. Each person wishing to have an outside fire must obtain this written permit from the town Fire Warden before kindling the fire. Any person that does not obtain a fire permit, when one is required, is violating our forest fire permit law and is subject to a court appearance and could be fined up to \$1,000 and receive a jail sentence of up to one year.

No fire permit will be issued between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. unless it is raining. The reason for this is twofold: the fire danger increases steadily between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., then subsides to a safe level between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. This happens because the sun dries out the fine fuels that are easily ignited and dries the air which permits rapid fire spread. Also during this part of the day fire fighters are not readily available in most communities so an escaped fire could burn longer and cause greater damage before being suppressed.

Your cooperation in burning only when conditions are safe is greatly appreciated.

As Smokey says, "Remember, Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires!"

1983 STATISTICS

	STATE	DISTRICT	TOWN
No of Fires	779	23	0
No of Acres	348	24.0	0

John Q. Ricard
Forest Ranger

Richard P. Carter
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE DORCHESTER CEMETERY COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT ---

Balance on Hand Jan. 1, 1983	\$ 168.85	
Received from Selectmen	350.00	
Contribution from Ella Dustin (care of Dustin Stevens lot)	50.00	
		<hr/> \$ 568.85
Expenditures:		
Care of Cheever Cemetery	\$ 77.50	
Care of No. Dorchester Cemetery	77.50	
Care of Dorchester Cemetery	107.50	
Care of Town House Cemetery	62.50	
Martha Walker - hauling lumber	10.00	
Blue Seal Feeds - supplies	4.51	
Plaza Hardware - fence and posts	58.25	
King Lumber Co. - lumber for gates and fence repairs	37.80	
Bank charges	1.12	
		<hr/> \$ 436.68
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1983		<hr/> \$ 132.17

We hope that volunteers will come forward to help with clearing some of the brush and trees from the remote cemeteries within the town. With a total of fifteen cemeteries the \$350.00 appropriated by the Town last year covered the care of only the four major cemeteries most frequently visited by relatives of the deceased. Many of the others are of historic interest, especially the "King" or "Big Pasture" cemetery where several Revolutionary soldiers are buried.

The Historical Society remembers them by placing American Flags on their graves each year. Society member, Jean Krzyzak, has made namesigns for the various cemeteries, many of which are already in place.

Mrs. Martha Walker has made a new gate for the "King" or "Big Pasture" cemetery, carefully copying the old gate which had fallen down and using the antique hinges from it. This will be put in place in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,
 Nella H. Ashley
 Martha L. Walker
 Eric P. Bergstrom
 Dorchester Cemetery Committee

FINANCIAL REPORT DORCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY 1983

Receipts 1983

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1983	\$ 155.24
Received from Selectmen 4-28-83	150.00
Donations	120.00
Donations from Friends of the Library including proceeds from Bake and Christmas Sale	150.00
Interest - checking account	6.92

Total Receipts for 1983	\$ 582.16
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Expenditures 1983

Noyes Insurance-Library Floater	30.00
Magazine subscriptions	69.22
New books purchased	76.95
Typewriter repair	50.00
Supplies	39.30
Membership dues - 3 Trustees	12.00
Bank Service Charges	27.00
Bank charge for 50 checks	1.62
Postage	.28

Total expenditures 1983	306.37
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Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1983	\$ 275.79
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Respectfully submitted,
 Mary Carroll Abell
 Treasurer

DORCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The library has acquired several new books during 1983 as a result of the Friends of the Library Selection Committee. A second group of books have been selected and will be acquired soon. The cataloging committee has cataloged approximately 50 new and donated books this year.

Our library's circulation was 189 adult fiction, 41 adult non-fiction, 70 junior fiction, 35 junior non-fiction and 67 magazines.

The State bookmobile program has changed during the year. The bookmobile will come once a month and patrons may borrow books directly from them and return the books the next month. The date and time will be posted on the library door. All are welcome to participate.

This summer we regreably accepted the resignations of two trustees, Joyce Wishart and Donna Norris. We would like to express our appreciation for the time and effort they donated to the library. Mary Carol Abell and Carol Wilson were appointed by the selectmen to fill the two vacancies.

The Friends of the Library held a bake/craft sale and Christmas Fair during the year. They have donated \$150.00 to the library for the purchase of books.

We would like to thank the people who have supported the library through their efforts and donations. THANK YOU, to Kenny Thomas for allowing us to raffle off the mirrored scone he donated to the Fair, to all the people who baked and donated homemade items, to Robert Thayer for his generous donation, to Mary Morrissey for the use of her home and all the time and effort she put into the Christmas Fair, to all the people who have donated their time and efforts to better the library.

The library is open Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. Please come and visit.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Howe
Librarian

MASCOMA HOME HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

Mascoma Home Health Services, Inc. with this year starts its 16th year of home health care services to the towns of Enfield, Canaan, Grafton, Orange and Dorchester. 1983 has brought some changes, the most significant has been the establishment of an Adult Group Day Care center at the agency offices on Prospect St. in Enfield. This program offers supervised care for those eligible adults, which includes nursing, rehabilitation therapy, recreational activities, and a midday meal. The day care is open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and is coordinated by a registered nurse, assisted by one staff person and many volunteers.

Volunteers have always been supportive of the agency efforts. It would be very difficult if not impossible to replace this kind of help. The volunteer Board of Directors, and individual program volunteers have given 1,904 hours this year.

The Child Health Program includes a Well Child Clinic once a month on the 4th Tuesday, and two dental clinics, one in the spring and fall. Newborn visits are made by the nurse to those parents who desire such a visit. Infant car seats are available for loan to area residents. The total enrollment of the program this year is 203 children, for the town of Dorchester 8.

Home care services, visiting nurse, physical therapy, occupational therapy, home health aides, homemakers and soon to be added medical social service, are available to all area residents. Anyone can request services. A nurse or a therapist will make an evaluation visit and determine what the need is. Further visits will be made under physician's orders.

HOME HEALTH CARE VISITS FOR THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER FOR 1983

Nursing	47
Physical Therapy	
Occupational Therapy	
Home Health Aide/ Homemaking	5

The concept of home care is becoming more and more effective for long term care in lieu of institutionalization. Thank you for your support and we look forward to providing your community health care for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet G. Knight
Executive Director

REPORT OF THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The members of the commission were saddened by the death last fall of Ted Linn. Ted and his wife, Dorothy, deeply appreciated the beauty and the historic significance of the land and buildings that now comprise the Dorchester Common Historic District. It is largely due to their interest and hard work that the special qualities of that part of Dorchester will almost certainly be preserved. We shall miss Ted and his quiet, but enthusiastic, support.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H. Wilson
Chairman

BIRTHS — TOWN OF DORCHESTER — 1983

Date and Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Name of Mother	Name of Father	Birthplace of Mother	Birthplace of Father
May 26 Hanover	Megan Elizabeth Thomas	F	Cynthia Ann Bertrand	Kenneth Wesley Thomas	NH	MA
August 24 Plymouth	Joshua Victor Snow	M	Charlotte Jean Coy	Roger Alan Snow	MA	Germany
December 23 Dorchester	Levon Graham Ayres	M	Margaret Rose Knipfer	George Little Ayres	OH	MA

MARRIAGES — TOWN OF DORCHESTER — 1983

Date and Place	Groom and Bride	Residence	Name of Parents
April 15 Dorchester	Stev Y. Parker Cindy Lee Turke	Huntington, NY Traverse City, MI	Valentine F. Parker Judith Rasmussen Walter Turke, MD Rosemarie Longsfeld
April 30 Ashland	Lawrence D. Berry Elaine A. Young	Dorchester Dorchester	Lawrence E. Berry Aura Harriet Drake George S. Roy Mamie M. Hilliard
September 3 Dorchester	David B. Lizotte Candy L. Carter	Concord Concord	Camille Lizotte Marion Corliss Albert Carter Peggy Hammel

DEATHS — TOWN OF DORCHESTER — 1983

No Deaths to Report

Notes



